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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1998

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 2111

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNFICYP REDUCTIONS

REF: STOCKHOLM 1972 (NOTAL)

1. MFA INTERNATIONAL ORG BUREAU CHIEF BERNER TOLD EMBOFF
MAY 15 THAT AFTER CONSULTATIONS GOS HAS DECIDED THAT IT
CANNOT GO ALONG WITH UNFICYP REDUCTIONS AT THIS TIME.

2. BERNER SAID THAT SWEDEN WILL, OF COURSE, RESPOND TO
WHATEVER SECURITY COUNCIL DECIDES. HOWEVER, FROM A
MILITARY AND PRACTICAL STANDPOINT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT
FOR SWEDEN TO PARTICIPATE IN A PEACEKEEPING FORCE SMALLER
THAN THE ONE PRESENTLY IN PLACE UNLESS MANDATE CHANGED.

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GOS DOES NOT BELIEVE POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN CYPRUS

WARRANT MANDATE CHANGE AT THIS TIME. TENSIONS ARE RISING THERE. SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON (WHO IS GENERALLY IN CHARGE OF SWEDISH AFFAIRS IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN) REPORTS THAT LARGE-SCALE VIOLENCE IS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY.

3. SWEDEN HAS ALSO CONSULTED WITH OTHER TROOP-CONTRIBUTORS AND FINDS THAT MOST OF THEM AGREE THAT REDUCTIONS ARE PREMATURE. WITH ANKARA AND UN SECRETARIAT FIRMLY OPPOSED TO REDUCTIONS IT DOES NOT SEEM A FEASIBLE IDEA. EMBOFF AGAIN

REVIEWED ARGUMENTS IN STATE 91875 BUT BERNER WAS UNIMPRESSED. HE SAID THAT GOS COULD NOT EVEN SUPPORT IDEA "IN PRINCIPLE" AS THIS MIGHT BE MISUNDERSTOOD. OF COURSE, HE SAID, IF POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN CYPRUS IMPROVE THEN SWEDEN WOULD CERTAINLY AGREE TO CHANGING THE MANDATE AND REDUCING THE FORCE.

4. ON DANISH WITHDRAWAL BERNER SAID THAT THINGS ARE SO UNSTABLE IN DANISH GOVERNMENT NOW THAT IT IS HARD TO PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN. HE PERSONALLY BELIEVES THE DANES WILL DELAY WITHDRAWAL FOR SOME TIME.

5. GOS BELIEVES MAY 29 SC MEETING WILL BE MERELY A ROUTINE EXTENSION OF UNFICYP MANDATE.
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